

# GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET

## CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### FEBRUARY 2003 AGENDA

#### Item No. W-6

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| <b>TITLE:</b> Request by <b>Napa Valley Unified School District</b> to waive <i>Education Code (EC)</i> Section 37202, equity length of time requirement for kindergarten students to allow full day kindergarten programs at eleven elementary schools out of the twenty-one elementary schools in the district. | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTION</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>INFORMATION</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONSENT</b> |
| <b>CDSIS:</b> 12-12-2002  |  |

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval with conditions. Before renewal is considered, an evaluation must be submitted to the department by the district.

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#### Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The State Board of Education has approved similar waivers in the past.

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#### Summary of Key Issue(s):

The district's board has approved the implementation of *Education Code* Section 8973, the Early Primary Program at eleven of the twenty-one elementary schools at their November 20, 2002 board meeting. The schools to be included in the pilot program are: Alta Heights, Donaldson Way, El Centro, McPherson, Mt. George, Napa Junction, Northwood Pueblo Vista, Salvador, Vichy and West Park. The district only has room for extended day kindergartens at certain sites and want to pilot the program first to determine the effectiveness. The district has worked with the teachers and site administrators and the school site councils to ensure cooperation at all levels. The district wants to begin the pilot next year, in the 2003-2004 school year. The district expects to improve student performance by offering more integrated, development-based instruction to meet the students' needs as defined in "First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education." The district will offer the opportunity for all parents that want to enroll their child in the extended day kindergarten pilot program.

As the district is proposing a one-year pilot, the department is recommending approval for one year with the condition if the district seeks a renewal of this waiver, they must provide an evaluation of the program to get an extension.

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Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: November 22, 2002

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

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Neutral

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Support

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Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: Joel Mellinger, President NVEA

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

☒ posting in a newspaper      ☐ posting at each school      ☐ other  
(specify)

Public hearing held on: December 4, 2002

Local board approval date: December 4, 2002 (presented to board on November 20, 2002)

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School Site Councils

Objections raised (choose one): ☒ None      ☐ Objections are attached on  
separate sheet

Date consulted: between November 4 and December 2, 2002

Effective dates of request: 07/01/03 to 06/30/04

**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):** No impact.

**Background Information:** Waiver request forms and supporting documents are attached to this summary.